GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:561
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SELF SUFFICIENCY IN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dependency on imported petrol and diesel has been increasing in order to fulfil the demand for the same in the country since the last few years;

(b) if so, the separate estimates of the demand of petrol and diesel in the country during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999 till December;

(c) the quantum of increase in the import of these products during the said period; and

(c) the factors responsible for increase in demand of the said products during these years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) - A statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.561for 28.2.2000 regarding Self-sufficiency in petroleum products.

(a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c) The demand and imports of petrol and diesel during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (April - December) was as under:-

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Demand		Imports	
	Petrol	Diesel	Petrol	Diesel
1997-98	5.182	36.071	0.331	14.075
1998-99	5.511	36.887	0.251	10.485
1999-2000 (Apr.-Dec.)	4.386	29.537	Negligible	4.386

Import data is excluding import by private parties.

(d): The per capita consumption of fuel in India is still very low vis-Ã -vis the worldaverage consumption. The factors responsible for recent increase in demand are economical and industrial growth in the country.